## SUMMARY

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**ENTITY** City of Auburn

**ACTION** 

Resolution for Land Annexation

(Election Method)

**Expiration 45 Days:** 06/03/07 **TITLE** Klump Island Annexation

Board Meeting: 05/10/07

**Location** The site is an island area entirely surrounded by the existing City of

Auburn. The northern boundary generally follows 48<sup>th</sup> Street NE. The eastern boundary is located along Auburn Way North/"D" Street NE. The eastern boundary of the site is located at "B" Street NE.

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The southern boundary is generally formed by 40<sup>th</sup> Street NE.

Land Area Approximately 20 acres

Land Use Residential Uses

Population Estimate Approximately 47 persons

**Total Assessed Valuation** \$3,865,600.

**County Comprehensive** 

Plan Designation Residential Use

County Zoning Urban Residential Medium Density (One dwelling unit per gross acre)

R-4 - R-12 - (4 - 12) dwelling units per gross acre

City Comprehensive Plan Established: Heavy Commercial; Light Industrial Uses

City Zoning Pending: Commercial Use; Light Industrial Use

District Comprehensive Plan City of Auburn Comprehensive Water Plan and & Sewer District Plan

**District Franchise** The proposed annexation does not require a franchise.

Urban Growth Area (UGA) The site is located within the Urban Growth Area as identified under

the State Growth Management Act. King County Comprehensive

Plan and City of Auburn Comprehensive Plan

SEPA Declaration The proposed annexation is exempt from SEPA pursuant to RCW

43.21C.222.

## **ENTITIES/AGENCIES NOTIFIED:**

**King County Council Member(s)** Pete von Reichbauer; Julia Patterson

King County: Clerk of Council, Department of Natural Resources (DNR); Department of Development

and Environmental Services (DDES), Department of Assessments, Department of Transportation (DOT), State Department of Ecology (DOE), King County "911" Program, Office of Management and Budget, Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys' Office, King County Records and Election Division, Fire Marshal Division, Historic Preservation Program, Puget Sound Regional Council, Community and Human Services, Public Health

Department

Cities: Not Applicable

Fire Districts: Valley Regional Fire Authority; King County Fire Protection District No. 31.

Water Districts: City of Auburn; Lakehaven Utility District; King County Water District #111;

Soos Creek Water and Sewer District

Sewer Districts: City of Auburn; Lakehaven Utility District; Soos Creek Water and Sewer

District

School Districts: Auburn School District No. 408

## **SUMMARY (File No. 2259)**

The City of Auburn proposes the annexation of approximately 20 acres of land, known as the Klump Island Area. This annexation was proposed under the petition/election method, pursuant to RCW 35A.14. The City of Auburn is proposing to annex the Klump Island Area to serve property owners seeking to develop properties under City of Auburn regulations and to receive public services (e.g., sewer services) from Auburn. Auburn City Council adopted the Resolution for Annexation in January 2007 in order to support orderly, logical growth of governance and provision of coordinated public services/facilities to the Klump Island Area.

The site is an island area entirely surrounded by the existing City of Auburn. The northern boundary generally follows 48<sup>th</sup> Street NE. The eastern boundary is located along Auburn Way North/"D" Street NE. The eastern boundary of the site is located at "B" Street NE. The southern boundary is generally formed by 40<sup>th</sup> Street NE.

The unincorporated area is included in the "Development in the Unincorporated Areas and Annexation Element" of the City of Auburn Comprehensive Plan. The proposed Klump Island Area annexation includes the entirety of the City of Auburn's Klump Island Potential Annexation Area.

The proposed action is consistent with City of Auburn Comprehensive Plan policies addressing annexation, including those provisions which call for inclusion of urban areas within the City and provision of services to incorporated areas. For example, Policy CE-2 states that the City of Auburn shall encourage annexation within its Urban Growth Area.

The City of Auburn reports that the Klump Island Area is fully developed with residential uses at this time. The City has confirmed that those existing residences will remain as permitted uses. However, the Auburn Comprehensive Plan establishes a designation for Light Industrial Use and Commercial Use in this Area to be implemented at redevelopment of this community. The anticipated commercial and light industrial uses are planned in order to achieve greater consistency with existing development in surrounding neighborhoods.

The City of Auburn Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Code, and Critical Areas Ordinances have established standards to guide ongoing uses and new development on the Klump Island properties following annexation. The City of Auburn is prepared to provide development review and environmental review (e.g., protection of slopes, sensitive areas, and stormwater management) to the Klump Island Area based upon local, regional and state regulations.

The City of Auburn can directly provide (or contract for) urban services to the area, as follows:

Police Services: The City of Auburn Police Department will provide services to the Klump

Island Area.

Water Districts: The Klump Island Area currently receives water services from the City of

Auburn. The City will continue to provide services following incorporation of

the Klump Island Area into Auburn.

Fire Districts: The Valley Regional Fire Authority will be responsible for providing fire and

emergency services to the Klump Island Area.

Sewer Districts: The Klump Island Area currently is served by septic systems. Upon

annexation, the Klump Island properties may receive sewer services from the

City of Auburn.

Stormwater: The City of Auburn will provide standards/systems for stormwater

management.

Schools: Klump Island Area residents would continue to be served by the Auburn

School District.

## Other Services:

Klump Island Area citizens would have access to City of Auburn and/or County parks, recreation facilities, health and human services, libraries, and law and justice facilities.

The City of Auburn reports that the proposed annexation conforms to the State Growth Management Act (36.70A. RCW.) For example, the annexation is supported by RCW 36.70A.20, which requires community planning goals, for urban growth, services and infrastructure, and environmental preservation. Additionally, the application reportedly is consistent with RCW 36.70A.020 (1), encouraging development in urban areas where there are adequate public services. It is also consistent with RCW 36.70A.020 (12), which calls for public services to support permitted development. Annexation would also permit development of primary land uses and corollary public services (e.g., roadways) envisioned in the Act. Environmentally sensitive areas would also be protected under the provisions of this annexation.

Further, the Klump Island Annexation is reported to be consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan. Following are examples of King County Comprehensive Plan/Countywide Planning Policies that are addressed by the proposed Klump Island Annexation:

- FW-13: Cities are the appropriate providers of local urban services to Urban Areas.
- <u>LU-26</u>: Urban growth shall be directed to urban areas where development can be accommodated and served.
- LU-31: The County should identify urban development areas within the Urban Growth Area
- <u>LU-32</u>: The County should encourage cities to annex territory within their designated potential annexation area.
- <u>LU-33</u>: Land within a city's potential annexation area shall be developed according to local and regional growth phasing plans.
- U-201: Annexations should be encouraged in Urban Growth Areas.
- <u>U-204</u>: The County should support annexations that are consistent with Countywide Planning Policies and the State Growth Management Act.
- <u>U-304</u>: Growth should be focused within city boundaries.
- RP-202 King County shall encourage annexation through such mechanisms as interlocal agreements.

The proposed Klump Island Annexation is reported by City of Auburn officials to be consistent with the provisions of RCW 36.93 (Boundary Review Board Regulations). For example, this annexation would be consistent with Objective 1, which calls for the preservation of neighborhoods. This area is linked to Auburn geographically and by social fabric (e.g., similar land uses and open spaces, shared sense of community). Similarly, the annexation would be consistent with Objective 2, which calls for the use of physical boundaries to demarcate an annexation area. Roadways and property lines establish boundaries for the Klump Island Annexation Area.

The Klump Island Annexation would also be consistent with Objective 3, which calls for creation of logical service areas. The City is seeking annexation in order that all services and land use regulations affecting their area may be efficiently coordinated by a single local government unit. The City of Auburn is prepared to govern and serve the area.

The proposed annexation is also reportedly consistent with Objectives 4-7, which call for the achievement of reasonable boundaries for a jurisdiction. As the proposed annexation area lies within the Auburn Potential Annexation Area, this incorporation is consistent with City plans to govern and serve the area. This annexation would also be consistent with Objective 8, which calls for inclusion of urban areas within municipalities.

The City of Auburn has conducted fiscal analyses related to the proposed Klump Island Annexation. The City estimates revenue realized from the Klump Island at \$16,217. Expenditures are estimated to

be slightly greater than revenues. These expenditures will be offset, in part, by property taxes, sales taxes, utility fees, and other funding resources. For example, upon annexation, property owners will assume their share of the regular and special levy rate of the City for capital facilities and public services. In addition, the City has sufficient general funding to serve the Klump Island Area without a significant impact to cost of services and adequacy of services, financial structure, debt structure, or rights of other governmental units. Future capital needs and costs will be examined and funded through the Auburn Capital Investment Program.

The proposed election method annexation will give voters an opportunity to state their interest (or lack of interest) in becoming citizens of Auburn. The City of Auburn supports this annexation in order to serve citizens of the area. New development and coordinated services would benefit the greater Auburn community.

<u>Note</u>: The City of Auburn, in conjunction with the proposed Klump Island Area Annexation, requested that the Boundary Review Board grant a waiver for this action pursuance to RCW 36.93. However, RCW 36.93.110 requires that, in order to qualify for a waiver, an annexation area must be fewer than 10 acres in size and have a value of less than \$10 million. The City of Auburn has been notified that the Klump Island Annexation does not qualify for a waiver because the territory is 20 acres and has a value greater than \$10 million.